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SUBJ: HONECKER CRITICIZES LONDON DECLARATION ON BERLIN

1. SED GENERAL SECRETARY ERICH HONECKER HAD TOUGH WORDS TO SAY ABOUT THE RECENT LONDON DECLARATION ON BERLIN IN A MAY 11 TOAST HONORING A VISITING LAOTIAN STATE AND PARTY DELEGATION IN EAST BERLIN. HONECKER PREFACED HIS REMARKS BY SAYING HE WANTED TO COMMENT ON THE "EUPHORIC BEHAVIOUR" OF CERTAIN CIRCLES IN THE FRG AND WEST BERLIN THAT HAD RESULTED FROM THE DECLARATION.

2. MENTIONING THAT THE WESTERN POWERS HAD ONCE AGAIN REFERRED TO THEIR "COMMON RIGHTS IN ALL OF BERLIN," HONECKER WARNED AGAINST DRAWING CONCLUSIONS FROM THE DECLARATION THAT CONTRADICT THE QA. IT WOULD BE A GRAVE MISCALCULATION, HE STATED, TO THINK THAT THE LONDON DECLARATION SOMEHOW REMOVED RESTRICTIONS AGAINST DEMONSTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

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BY THE FRG IN WEST BERLIN. FOR HONECKER, IT WAS ALSO A MISTAKE TO IMAGINE THAT THE WESTERN POWERS COULD REVERSE WHAT WAS MADE CLEAR ON AUGUST 13, 1961 (THE BERLIN WALL), NAMELY THAT "BERLIN IS THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR" AND THAT WEST BERLIN IS A "SPECIAL AREA" (EIN BESONDERES GEBIET) THAT RECEIVED CHANCES FOR THE FUTURE THROUGH THE QA.

3. HONECKER CAME OUT FOR THE "STRICT OBSERVANCE AND FULL APPLICATION" OF THE QA. HE ASSERTED THAT IT HAD LONG BEEN CLEAR WHO EXERCISES AUTHORITY IN THE "CAPITAL OF THE GDR, BERLIN," AND THIS COULD NOT BE ALTERED BY DECLARATIONS. IF THE LONDON DECLARATION HAD ANY SIGNIFICANCE, HE ARGUED, IT LAY IN HAVING CONFIRMED THE HISTORICAL NECESSITY OF THE WALL, WHICH IN HONECKER'S VIEW HAD LED TO A CALMING OF THE EUROPEAN SITUATION AND AND CREATED THE BASIS FOR DETENTE. HONECKER FURTHER WARNED THAT THE GDR WOULD OPPOSE ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVED THE GDR COULD BE SWAYED FROM ITS "COMSTRUCTIVE POLICIES" THROUGH ECONOMIC PRESSURE.

4. COMMENT: HONECKER'S DEFENSIVE REACTION TO THE LONDON DECLARATION INDICATES GDR CONCERN THAT THE DECLARATION MAY SOMEHOW RESULT IN STEPPING-UP DEMONSTRATIONS OF FRG PRESENCE IN WEST BERLIN. THE FACT THAT HE FELL BACK TO DEFENDING THE WALL APPEARS TO BE A SIGN OF GDR SENSITIVITY TO THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON THE WALL IN LONDON. WHILE HONECKER REPEATED THE GDR'S ASSERTION THAT EAST BERLIN IS ITS CAPITAL, HE REFRAINED FROM MENTIONING ALLIED RIGHTS IN THE EASTERN SECTOR.POLANSKY

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